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Agenda Item No. 14

Agenda Item: License and Tag Refunds

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an overview of the existing Commission Rule and Policy direction to the Director; regarding refunds and rain checks for trophy species and controlled hunt tags.

In 2004, the Commission authorized the Director to review the facts in each request and resolve in the most appropriate manner. The Commission's guidance was based on its decision not to deal with individual requests for refunds and rain checks but to delegate the task to the Director.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

IDAPA 13.01.04

Public Involvement Process:

The public brings a number of refund and rain check requests to the Department annually.

Staff Recommendation:

The Commission affirms previous guidance given to the Director to review nonresident refund and rain check requests and to broaden that authority for the Director to review resident refund and rain check requests based upon medical disabilities or death of an immediate family member.

Justification:

Delegating authority to the Director to review the subject request provides a practical means of addressing them on a case by case basis after considering the facts.